

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADAPTIVE SERVICE INTERWORKING

Abstract of the Disclosure

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A method and apparatus for adaptive service interworking include processing that begins by obtaining connection information of a receiving end-point network switch in response to receiving a setup message from a sending party. The setup message identifies a receiving party, which is operably coupled to the receiving end-point switch.

10 Such connection information may be obtained by sending an enhanced traffic descriptor appended to the setup message and receiving an enhanced traffic descriptor that was appended to a connection message from the receiving end-point switch. The connection information is then interpreted to determine whether the receiving end-point switch is capable of supporting a transparent link. If the end-point network switch is capable of 15 supporting the transparent link, the transparent link is established and utilized to transport data between the sending and receiving parties.

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